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Letter dated 1 November 2005 from the President of the General Assembly to the Permanent Representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your note dated 7 October 2005 regarding your request for me to seek the legal opinion of the Office of Legal Affairs on the 2005 World Summit Outcome (A/60/L.1).

I have been informed by the Office of Legal Affairs that as a matter of long-standing policy and practice, the Office does not provide legal advice to individual Member States. Legal advice is provided only if the request emanates from a United Nations organ, in this case the General Assembly.

Moreover, the 2005 World Summit Outcome was adopted without a vote on 16 September by the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly attended by more than 150 Heads of State and Government. It is thus incumbent upon the Member States and the Office of the President of the General Assembly to implement the decisions and commitments contained in the Outcome document and translate them into concrete action.

I am encouraged by the participation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in the current consultation process. At this important juncture in the work of the General Assembly, your continued cooperation and support as Vice-President is greatly appreciated.

(*Signed*) Jan **Eliasson**

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